More Than $1.5 Million Won in Powerball Prizes in North Carolina
-Three Lucky Players Used Powerplay to Multiply Their Winnings-

RALEIGH – Ten players of the North Carolina Education Lottery's (NCEL) Powerball game picked the right numbers Wednesday to win more than $1.5 million in prizes. One lucky player will collect $1 million of that amount.

Wednesday's drawing was the third for North Carolina since the NCEL became a part of the multi-state jackpot game on May 30.

The $1 million ticket, which is the largest prize won in North Carolina so far, was sold in the Rowan County town of Granite Quarry at the Eastside Kwik Stop on North Salisbury Avenue. The winner matched all five white balls, but not the Powerball. The winner also used the powerplay feature to multiply their winnings by five, from $200,000 to $1 million.

Two additional players matched all five white balls but not the Powerball to win $200,000.Those winners purchased tickets at a Friendly Mart on Highway 11 in Kinston and Cruizers on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard in Chapel Hill. Two players matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball number and they powerplayed which multiplied their earnings from $10,000 to$50,000.

North Carolina also had five $10,000 winners who matched four out of five white balls, but did not powerplay.

For the third drawing in a row, North Carolina had the highest Powerball sales of any member lottery. On top of that, North Carolina had more winners in every prize category than any other member lottery. The winning numbers for this week's draw were: 4, 10, 20, 26, and 40. The Powerball number was 8. The powerplay number was 5.

In addition to these winners, there is still a $200,000 winner from the May 31 drawing who has yet to claim the prize.

The next drawing, worth an estimated $73 million, will be Saturday at 10:59 p.m. EST.

For more information about the NCEL visit its Web sites at www.nc-educationlottery.org or www.lottery.nc.gov. The phone number to call is (919) 715-6886 (71-LOTTO).